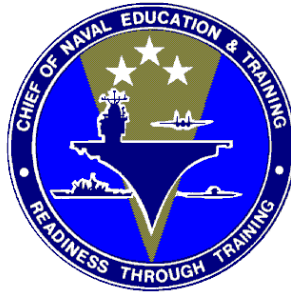


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Navy to host National Groundhog Job Shadow Day Students

PENSACOLA, Fla.- On Thursday, February 25, commands in the the Pensacola Naval Complex will be involved in the Escarosa Regional School-to-Work Partnership's Career Shadowing Day. Approximately 21 students from Escambia and Pine Forest High Schools will shadow a professional host in a career field they are interested in exploring.

Students will have the opportunities to observe naval facilities such as STARBASE-ATLANTIS, a program designed to teach math and science to students as it pertains to aviation, as well as the Naval Junior ROTC Program at the Chief of Naval Education and Training's Office.

As participants in the shadowing program, students will be able to apply newly acquired knowledge to practical on-site use, such as ejection seat and hyperbaric chamber training, talking with pilots and flying flight simulators.

In addition, students will get a closer look at the wide scope of a naval headquarters command's daily operations. Through the observation of daily managerial requirements, students will sit in on an Operations Meeting (appr. 30 mins.), observe computer capabilities and their importance to the global workplace, and be allowed hands-on training experience of technology such as the Document Imaging System (latest technology advancing toward "paperless" office concept).

All students concerned have applied for these opportunities and have been matched with hosts best related to their expressed career interests. Students will be with their hosts from approximately 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Media interested in covering Groundhog Job Shadowing students and hosts, please contact Ensign Robert Calzada, CNET Public Affairs Office, at (850) 452-4862, fax 452-4863.